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MEETINGS: The Club meets every Tuesday at "Tiffins on the Park",
176 Greenhill Road, Parkside (Cnr George Street) at 6.30pm.
Fellowship at 6.00pm

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3673
Date	28 July 2009
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Guest Speaker	Hon Member David Pisoni MP
Sergeant	David Middleton
Chairman	Wendy Andrews
Guests	Leena Kasurinen
Visiting Rotarians	Peter O'Neill (RC Adelaide)
Apologies	Geoff Howland, Janet Plumb, Kevin Rogers, Neesha Nandasena, Reno Elms
Make Ups	None
Sick List	Geoff Howland (waiting on test results)
Anniversaries	Birthdays: Janet Plumb Wedding: Jerry Casburn (2/8)
Attendance	68%
Departing Rotarians	Bob Mills, Joan Reed

President's Announcements

1. Pres. Jerry still has copies of the District Directory and Club Committees organisation chart for those members who would like a copy of either.
2. As you will all know, Stephen Westgarth has advised that due to work and family pressures he will be unable to continue as Bulletin editor. Stephen has done an amazing job with our Bulletin but in doing so may have set up a formidable challenge for any follower. Today I sent an email to all members of the club seeking a replacement; this included a note from Stephen which explains how he has simplified the generation process. I also attached a copy of the Mitcham Bulletin which is a much simpler broadsheet. I desperately need a volunteer to take over the role. **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE WOULD SOMEONE CONSIDER TAKING THIS ON.**



Spots

Chandra Sluggett circulated information about the upcoming **Group Study Exchange team** visit from Colorado, USA (see Rotary News, below) and about the GSE program. We need help with vocational placements and, for the first time, vocational mentors for each of the GSE team members. Please let Chandra know if you can help.

ROMAC are seeking help with hosting two children and their carers in October/November 2009 for a minimum of three weeks; both parties speak English. One child is a vascular patient from the Solomon Islands and the other child has a life threatening problem requiring cranio-facial surgery and is from an Indian family in Dubai.

A sponsor club and host family is required to:

- Look after the child and their carer on arrival.
- Arrange for them to attend the Adelaide Children's Hospital for tests prior to their operation.
- Provide accommodation, meals, etc. and transport to and from the hospital.
- Transport the carer to the hospital to visit the child, unless the carer can be accommodated at the hospital during this time.
- Provide home hosting for the carer and child after discharge from the hospital.
- Arrange for transport for any follow-up checks or treatment until they leave Australia.

The estimated cost to host families is \$120 per week; a small payment is offered to help offset costs. The Unley club's International Committee may be able to assist financially as well.

The ROMAC contact person is PDG Dick Milner, Ph: 8523 1716 or Email: merlin@twpo.com.au.

Bob Laws: The Thrift Shop Committee will meet at Bob's home this Saturday morning.

The **Thrift Shop Volunteers Morning Tea** is at 11am on Sunday 2nd August at the Unley Civic Centre. About 40 people are attending so far. Please let Bob know if you'll also be attending.

The new **reverse cycle air conditioners** recently installed in the Thrift Shop are so quiet that people are forgetting to turn them off when they close the shop. Please remember to turn them off!

Martin Cooper: There will be a Vocational (Partners) Night on 25 August at the **National Wine Centre**. A conducted tour of the Wine Centre will be followed by a tutored tasting and cheese platters; there will not be a full dinner laid on. We will need firm commitments and payments before the night.

Leena Kasurinen Reporting: 'My First Week'

Our exchange student, Leena Kasurinen, gave us a report on her first week in Adelaide:

On Sunday we arrived to Sydney Airport and luckily we missed our flight to Adelaide. There was a lovely Rotarian couple who booked us new flights and took us to see Sydney. We saw the opera house and the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Finally I arrived to Adelaide about 4pm. At the airport I met my lovely host Mum Joan and her daughter Catherine, Catherine's boyfriend John and the club president Jerry.

That night we had Jerry and Jenn for tea and Noni aka Mavis also came to see me. I was so exhausted about the travelling that I missed out on dessert. I had a big sleep, about 12 hours.

On Monday Joan and I went up to the hills and had a look over Adelaide and then we drove around seeing places. Joan's cousins from Victoria, Anne and Colin had a quick stay with us on their way to Darwin. On Tuesday we went shopping for school stuff. I got my first lunch box and school uniform - yay!! And we visited the school. That night we had the Rotary meeting, which was lovely.

On Wednesday I had butterflies flying in my tummy because it was the first day at school! Now I don't remember so much about it. It was so exciting. It took a couple of days even to remember people's names! The subjects I'm taking now are Maths, Psychology, Home Economics, Studies of Religion, Australian Studies, English as a Second Language and P.E. I also joined the school's soccer team, but I haven't been to training yet. On Thursday we went shopping for some warm clothes because the Australian winter is cold even for me and I didn't have many "winter clothes" with me. That night we had dinner at Catherine's and John's and we also played some Wii Sports Resort, which was awesome. On Friday night I went to Joan's 'Christmas in July' work party and I met nice people there. There was a lovely lady named Shalini who is the same size as me and Joan asked her if she had some clothes that she could give me. So on Saturday morning when I was having a big sleep again Joan had picked up some very nice clothes from Shalini. That was really nice from her. Then in the afternoon we went shopping again to Harbour town. We did find very nice sneakers and jumper but we couldn't find jeans that would have been small enough for me. On Sunday we spent a lovely afternoon with Rotary ladies.

I have enjoyed my time here so far. Adelaide is beautiful and all the people have been so friendly and kind. It takes time to get to be used to school and everything but I think it will be alright. And I'm so, so happy to stay with Joan. She's so lovely and a wonderful person. The best I could have. I think I'm going to have the time of my life here during this year and I'm so grateful of you to being my host club. Thank you! And thank you Jerry for the kookaburra.



Sergeant's Session

Sergeant David seriously went after those members who disrespectfully talked while the President, Sergeant and Guest Speaker were speaking. Multiple fines were the order of the evening. John Russell won the Lucky Square and Stephen Westgarth won the Wine.

Guest Speaker – David Pisoni MP: "The State of State Education"

Introduction: Chairperson Wendy Andrews introduced Honorary Member David Pisoni MP to speak on "The State of State Education". David is the State Member for Unley. He was born and raised in South Australia. At age 21 after completing a furnishing trade's apprenticeship he started his own business. Over 22 years, David grew his business to be a successful manufacturing import/export and retailing company and trained 20 apprentices.

Prior to entering the Parliament David was involved with many Business/community groups, including the Unley Chamber of Commerce, the Unley Main Street Association, the Board of the Women's and Children's Hospital and the National Furnishing Industries Association.

On 18 March 2006 David was elected to the South Australian Parliament as Member for the State Seat of Unley. After 12 months on the back bench David was elevated to shadow cabinet and last year David was appointed Shadow Minister for Education and Shadow Minister for Employment, Training and Further Education, and Early Childhood Development. David also serves on the Parliamentary Public Works Committee.

David is married and has two school-aged children. His interests include furniture, design, food, wine and travel.

David Pisoni: 2009 will be an important and challenging year for South Australia. The State Labor Government and Premier Rann will be doing their best to 'spin' you all towards re-electing them. Using the Hawker Britton model Mike Rann will be seen with winners and the famous, diligently avoid bad news or those who deliver it, reappear at good news announcements and pluck figures out of the air in the hope that you won't check them.

In terms of education, targets achieved under the Strategic Plan will be trumpeted by a beaming premier. Where these targets seem unlikely to be reached, they will simply be readjusted to make them fit the agenda or even deleted completely. Of course we in the Liberal Opposition will be doing the opposite, we will be appealing to your better judgment and presenting the substance and vision of a Liberal Government under Isobel Redmond, the first woman to lead a major political party in SA history.

The Rann government began 2008 in dispute with state school teachers and ended the year no closer to a resolution. Mid way through 2009 the Labor government is still in dispute with teachers and arbitration continues - the issue is far from resolved. In terms of public education South Australian families are no more certain of an end to disruption, rallies and a continuing lack of government leadership in education than they were in 2008.

In terms of teachers pay the Rann government's lack of fiscal discipline has conspired with the current economic environment to leave Labor with very little room to move. Successive Industrial Relations Ministers have failed to have any impact and chart a way forward. The Education Minister, astoundingly, has taken almost no interest at all. The teacher's dispute, it appears, is not her responsibility. She spends much of her time overseas. And unfortunately, despite his claim of being the 'Education Premier', the Rann and Foley team have increasingly applied their "rack 'em, pack 'em and stack 'em" approach to education as well as to the health and prison systems.

This has been most obvious in their approach to so called 'Super Schools' (PPPs). The concept has been rejected overseas, notably in the United States, where there is a significant trend back to the advantages of smaller schools, particularly in less advantaged socio-economic areas. The concept has also now been rejected by communities in Port Pirie, Whyalla and Port Augusta who recognised not



Guest Speaker: David Pisoni MP

only the potential disadvantages for their communities but the rushed and thinly veiled asset grab and land sale that the proposals put to them ultimately were.

Spending on education as a proportion of the total budget has remained more or less static since 2002 under Labor, with additional spending cuts of \$25 million to be implemented over coming budgets. This was admitted by DECS CEO Chris Robinson during Estimates last year. This is on top of the \$153 million over four years ordered in the 2006-07 Budget. In the 2009 state budget Treasurer Foley has cut \$204 million from school programs and slashed capital funding by almost \$8 million or 12%, and electricity to 75% of 2001 figures by 2014.

Delivery of positive education outcomes in South Australia has become bogged down by a government unable to deal effectively with its education workforce, unwilling to adequately support its school leaders and a bureaucracy which micromanages the efforts of educators and school communities at the local level.

Education is not an area in which we can afford to cut corners or irresponsibly cut costs. However money is not necessarily the answer increased expenditure alone does not guarantee results if not accompanied by appropriate management, and in my opinion, higher expectations for our students, teachers and education administrators. The most effective path to success for all of us is through an education that equips us with the tools to reach our full potential. We should also be instructing and actively encouraging our children to be more entrepreneurial and to recognise opportunity not only in work and business - but in all aspects of their lives; this is important for a small state like SA. The public school system in particular has a responsibility to deliver the liberating advantage of a sound education to achieve an independent and better life.

As part of our ongoing policy development the Liberal Opposition has recently invited key stakeholders in the Education sector, as well as school Governing Councils to submit their views on Education in this state. However in reality the key issues are no mystery. In my role as Opposition Education spokesman I am approached on a daily basis by those involved in education, as well as parents and employers with their views and ideas. The main themes are recurring ones: Standards of numeracy and literacy, funding and funding, models, assessment methods, behaviour management - truancy, bullying and violence, infrastructure maintenance, curriculum, teaching standards, principal autonomy and the needs and increasing demands of school leadership, underperformance and lack of participation in maths and science (STEM) subjects.

This is of particular concern given the skills shortages in these areas of the job market and where we are steering our economy, zoning for secondary schools, school autonomy and decentralisation. As someone who is a strong supporter of public education and who has been involved on school Governing Councils including as a chair--- for a decade it is something in which I have a longstanding—and even pre-politics interest. I am a great believer in the positive benefits for educational outcomes of parental involvement and local governance in our schools.

In this I am of course consistent with the attitudes and reforms of previous state Liberal governments, in particular the Partnerships 21 policy which officially established and gave an expanded role to the school Governing Councils we have today. Unfortunately the Labor Party has not favoured decentralised school management. The independence promised by these former Liberal initiatives has been curtailed and more control of budgets and staffing arrangements has been given back to DECS, and the Unions. The Liberal party's view is that parents should be given the maximum choice and participation options to assist their children in making the most of their educational opportunities. Integrating parents with their children's learning is important. Parents and the local community should have a significant say in the running of their schools. Every school community is in its own way unique.

Some commentators have attributed much of the drift from government to non-government schools as occurring due to the real and perceived autonomy of these schools, particularly in relation to staff appointments and curriculum. SA has trained fewer engineers than any other state while the other states have grown their engineering graduate numbers. Currently around 34% of children in South Australia are educated in non-government schools. At Year 12 level that figure rises to 44%. The Independent and Catholic sector has a total of over 89,000 students, with over 42,000 in the Independent sector.

In the Education Minister's own seat of Adelaide over 60% of families choose the non-government sector as an education option for their children; examples of this are the Nailsworth and Prospect Primary Schools where 95% of parents seek alternative secondary schools to their in-zone high school. While the Liberal Party firmly believes in not only the rights of but advantages of choice in education there is a need to determine the reasons for dissatisfaction in many quarters for the education product offered by the public system. And not only this but to identify what our very successful public schools (such as Adelaide High, Brighton High) are doing right and expanding their formulas to other schools that are struggling.

We should not have a two-tier public education system. Government schools should set the benchmark for all three components of South Australia's education sector. On saying this I would like to point out that our state is very well serviced by the independent and Catholic school sectors. Politically it would be fair to say that those in the Non-government school sector have a right to feel let down by the Rann Labor Government - they are taking responsibility for more students yet have been receiving less funding. In terms of recurrent funding our non-government sector is the worst funded of any Australian state bar Victoria and currently languishes \$288 per student below the national average.

Like Abraham Lincoln I do not believe that, "you do not make the weak strong by making the strong weak." While listening to talkback radio last year I noted a comment from former South Australian Secondary Principals Association President Bob Heath. He said, "There is more central control of education by the bureaucracy in this state than there is in communist China." Given his extensive knowledge of school education in SA and having just returned from China at the time he was perhaps in a better position to make the call than most. However this same frustration at an over-centralised system, removed and unresponsive to the needs of individual schools, is often expressed to me and one I have had ample experience of myself as an active Governing Councilor. Principals in particular are continually frustrated by their lack of autonomy and the lack of support received for the increasing administrative and regulatory burdens imposed upon them by this bureaucracy.

My personal experience of Principals and the school leadership cadre in our state is that they are on the whole an impressive group, displaying high levels of experience, skill and dedication to their profession. However, as reported in The Advertiser today, their ranks are thinning and there is concern at the shortening queues to take their places as they retire. The Advertiser noted that senior principals are being brought out of retirement to fill the gaps. A future Liberal government is keen to implement more effective leadership development and succession planning to support our principals and the vital role they play in educational outcomes. The Liberal philosophy in terms of school governance remains that there will always be functions of the education system best achieved at a local as opposed to the centralised or bureaucratic level.

A Liberal view into the future would ideally see greater autonomy for Governing Councils and the opportunity for them to have as active a role as possible in those activities and decisions best undertaken at a local level. The role of DECS should be to provide the professional resources, technical support and supervisory functions best managed at a more centralised bureaucratic level. An

interesting and successful example of this philosophy in practice has been New Zealand's "Tomorrow's Schools" reforms initiated in 1989 wherein schools devolved administrative powers to local school communities and established community based Boards of Trustees, largely a parent representative body. The Board is a legally constituted crown entity directly responsible to the local community and the Ministry for effective management and delivery of education at their school. The Board's core roles include providing strategic leadership, developing a school 'charter' and to monitoring and standing accountable for student and the Principal's achievement levels. Student outcomes are now judged to have improved under this self-governance and management model. Of note, in 2001 the government changed the legislation to make student achievement a specific goal of the system.

In this element of the education debate it should be asked who is best placed to determine and act upon priorities in school policy, asset management and selection of staff---the answer to my mind is an informed and empowered local school community. The Liberal vision will remain to afford Principals and local school communities an expanded management and policy role and the ability to improve their student focus education outcomes. The fundamental role of South Australian schools is to provide our children with the tools needed for success in their personal, further study and employment futures. Our education challenge is to unlock our states potential. It is the responsibility of Government to open the door of education opportunity and to ensure our students, parents and educators are resourced, supported and encouraged to achieve their full potential. Our education system also needs the versatility to meet a fast growing demand for higher level skills in a global knowledge economy.

The Liberal Party education vision recognises that education is not only about providing the teachers, infrastructure, resources and innovation that our children and schools require---it is about supporting the communities that those schools are part of and service school communities.

Serious challenges lie ahead and this is not a time to drop our guard or to settle for second best in education. A State Liberal Government will maintain its strong commitment to choice and excellence in education to ensure the legacy our children deserve.



Wendy Andrews thanked David Pisoni for his talk and presented him with another Unley Rotary pen for his collection.

Jerry's Jottings

Our experiment with the new meeting format seems to be coming unstuck with complications with the catering timing. At the assembly in two weeks I will be seeking your views as to whether we continue with the format. Next week will be our last chance to get it right and see what the meeting could be like. To this end and for the future **Martin Cooper** has taken on the role of catering liaison with Tiffins. Let's hope that next week we can give it a better crack and at least see what the format could do.

We have certainly struck lucky with Leena as our youth exchange student, **Leena Kasurinen** gave a great account of her first week in Australia and Adelaide. Knowing how charming she is I am sure that you are all rushing to calendars to find a time when you can host her for a day or weekend, perhaps there is something different you are doing to which you might invite Leena. At this stage **Joan Reed** is keeping Leena's diary, I am hoping that on their return from the UK and the Melbourne trade fair, **Mark and Anne Zada** will become custodians of the diary but we will know more in the fullness of time. In the meantime please think about showing Leena the beauty of Australia and Adelaide.

Yours in Rotary,

Jerry

Rotary News

The Group Study Exchange Program

What is Group Study Exchange? The Group Study Exchange (GSE) program of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 in the initial years of their professional life. The program provides travel grants for teams of participants to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four to six weeks, team members study the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practised abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas. Team members can come from corporations, small businesses, community organisations, medical and educational facilities, government offices, and nonprofit agencies.

Benefits of Exchanges: Individuals who participate in this rewarding, once-in-a-lifetime experience return home with a broadened cultural perspective and new understanding of a nation's history, language, commerce, and government. A GSE offers a unique opportunity to develop leadership skills, work on team building, and increase self-confidence. The program is designed to have an invaluable impact on the career of a young professional in the increasingly global workplace by creating networking opportunities and lifelong friendships.

Benefits to Employers and the Community: GSE enhances the international perspective of the next generation of young leaders that will take your company into the future. GSE participants return with new communication and facilitation skills that promote tolerance and collaboration with professional people of other cultures. GSE fosters a creative approach to problem solving by expanding the employee's skill set, exposure to alternate methodologies, and preparation for addressing community needs. In addition, GSE provides a great public relations opportunity to promote awareness of your business or organization, as local and international media may feature interviews, photos, and articles about the exchange.

Who is Eligible? GSE team member applicants must:

- Be between the ages of 25 and 40
- Be fully employed with at least two years of work experience in their chosen field
- Be in the early stages of their careers or professions
- Reside in or be employed in the sending Rotary district and also be citizens of the country in which they reside

- Be proficient in the language of the country being visited
- Be personable, articulate, cooperative, motivated team players, and enthusiastic about their vocations
- Seek to gain a maximum educational value from the program, as well as be able to fulfill the rigorous demands of international travel and active participation in an extensive itinerary

The best candidates for GSE are rising leaders who meet the qualifications above and who have an interest in people of other cultures. GSE can be an excellent way to recognize top-performing staff or provide exposure for potential young leaders with limited international experience,

Note: Spouses of participants may not accompany teams. In addition, the following are ineligible: a Rotarian; an employee of a Rotary club, district, other Rotary entity, or Rotary International; any Rotarian's or Rotary employee's spouse, ancestor (parent or grandparent by blood), lineal descendant (child or grandchild by blood and any legally adopted child); or a spouse of a lineal descendant.

Structure of the Program: Teams are composed of 4-6 non-Rotarian team members, usually of various business and professional backgrounds, and one Rotarian Learn leader. The GSE experience spans 4-6 weeks. During the exchange, teams will visit local businesses, government offices, and community organizations in the host district, tour historical and cultural sites, stay with Rotarian host families, and make presentations about their host countries and professions. Team members receive orientation and cultural preparation from the sponsor Rotary district before their departure. This may include language training, practice of oral presentations, visits to Rotary clubs, and background about Rotary International's mission and the programs of its Foundation. The host country is determined before a team member's application and selection.

What is Provided? For each team member, The Rotary Foundation provides the most economical round-trip air ticket between the home and host countries. Local Rotarians in the host area provide for meals, lodging, and group travel in their district. Each team member is responsible for all personal and incidental expenses incurred before, during, and after the study tour, including any personal travel arranged after the exchange.

What is Required of Participants?

Before leaving:

- Participate in orientation sessions and group meetings, and obtain the necessary documents for traveling. This includes passport, travel visa, immunizations, and medical insurance.

During the tour:

- Accept the decisions of the Rotarian team leader.
- Fulfill any requirements to speak at Rotary host district gatherings.
- Remain with the group throughout the study tour except when individual activities are planned.
- Maintain standards of behavior that will reflect positively on Rotary and the home Country.

After returning:

- Prepare and submit final reports of the tour as required by the sponsor district and The Rotary Foundation.
- Speak about your GSE experience to Rotary clubs and other groups.

How do People Apply? Applications must be made through local Rotary clubs; those sent directly to The Rotary Foundation will not be considered. Candidates are selected by a qualified committee of Rotarian leaders.

Incoming GSE Team from Colorado

Participants	Vocation & Information	Goals for GSE Experience
Ashley Cantrell 	Local Government and non-profit. Policy writing and outreach coordinator for waste reduction and zero waste programs. Green business and green event consulting. Specific vocational interests: Zero Waste SA, Say No to Plastic Bags, other waste reduction & compost (organic waste) programs, sustainable business resources, Green events, water conservation, sustainable community initiatives. In addition to green programs, I am also interested in resource management (water, air, land), and also how you educate and engage a diverse population in all of your green initiatives.	Anything active and outdoors. I love running, hiking, biking, frisbee, water skiing and other outdoor fun! I am also interested in seeing Kangaroo Island, botanical gardens, national parks and wildlife sanctuaries. When given the option, I would prefer to walk or bike somewhere rather than drive. My community is very outdoor-oriented, so it would be nice to see the relationship that your citizens have with the land and the surrounding environment and how this relationship affects their desire to take care of the environment. I do like access to trails and would love to see any green/sustainable homes.
Candice Walton 	Certified Financial Planner. I would like to meet with professionals with the CFP® designation and members of the Financial Planning Association (FPA). I am interested in visiting with individuals that provide comprehensive financial planning for their clients. I am also interested in Superannuation planning. In addition, I am interested in anyone that may specialize in one of the six areas of financial planning (Financial Position, Protection/Insurance, Investments, Tax, Retirement, Estate). For example, an attorney that primarily develops estate planning documents.	1. Broaden and strengthen my financial planning knowledge and network. Gain new ideas about marketing myself and financial planning services. 2. Experience the life and culture of Australia. 3. Learn more about my team member's vocations.

Participants

Vocation & Information

Goals for GSE Experience

Cristina Gair



Executive Director, Eagle River Youth Coalition. I would like to meet with youth non-profit organizations, innovative schools, outdoor education, other non-profit meeting social service needs, leadership, and social entrepreneur programs. Some specific examples that I found include: One and All Sailing Experience, Youth Mentoring Network, Youth Radio Program, and service to Youth Council, also anyone involved with the National Round Table of Non-profit Organisations, as we're looking at non-profit advocacy and more.

1. Meet people who can offer new perspectives and are willing to share ideas.
2. Experience life in Australia, immerse in culture & people.
3. Have time to take photos and write in my journal (reflecting).
4. Be active and see Australia and quality time on the beach.
5. See local arts, culture etc.

Laurel Prud'homme



Marketing and Communication: I am specifically interested in learning more about the health care system in Australia, and how benefits, changes, features, policies, access to care, and quality assurance are communicated to the public to affect utilization of care.

I would like to meet with people who deal specifically with communication, advertising, and marketing for the health care industry. May include communications, advertising, marketing, public relations, and/or government relations. (I am not a medical provider.)

I have a 10+ year history as a graphic designer and art director, including running my own freelance design business.

I would be interested in visiting an advertising/marketing agency and speaking with their graphic design team and marketing strategists. My interests also include marketing strategy, use of traditional and new media, testing and tracking methods of campaigns, etc. Hobby/interests include dogs, animal rescue, and environmental conservation issues.

Jeff Wadley

(Team Leader)



Business Entrepreneur in Construction and Real Estate Management: I am looking forward to expanding my Rotary knowledge and international connections.

Wild Fire Fighting operation to include Incident Command system and aviation operations.

Business planning, development and operations of tourism residential development projects.

As the Team Leader I hope to expand upon international understanding of different types of leadership practices.

To be able to exchange ideas and gain some knowledge on business management development procedures with some of your business persons would be good. I would like to be able to experience your wildfire/all risk Incident command system in action.

Worth the smile of a healthy child

By Dan Nixon - Rotary International News -- 14 July 2009

Amidst civil conflict, economic turmoil, and chronic shortages of just about everything, Analia Ramos has helped the people of South Sudan battle hunger for nearly a year as food security coordinator in Sudan for Concern Worldwide, a humanitarian relief and development organization.

A 2004-06 Rotary World Peace Fellow from Argentina, Ramos oversees projects that provide seeds and tools to poor households, establish seed banks and tree nurseries, and train people in agricultural plowing, beekeeping, and blacksmithing.

Ramos says the situation in South Sudan has deteriorated since she arrived last August. "Insecurity has grown, the economic crisis has hit us all, the violations to the Comprehensive Peace Agreement have multiplied," she says. "Add to that the indictment of President Bashir by the International Criminal Court, the expelling of 13 NGOs, and tribal conflict, and you have it all."

But Ramos says the knowledge that she is "helping to diminish the suffering of the people by shortening the hunger gap, and at times eliminating it," gives her great fulfillment. She maintains that freedom from hunger is a basic human right. "Without that, you cannot have health, education, or any other right," she says. "But with any right, we all have responsibilities. People need to learn how to fish and not just be given the fish. It is their right to be able to feed themselves."

Ramos knew at age seven that she wanted to be an agronomist and at age 12 that she wanted to work in Africa. Her fellowship experience at the University of Bradford was pivotal in shaping her career. "Rotary gave me a new angle," she says. "I saw how working in food security contributes to peace, to achieve human rights for most of the people who do not have a voice." Throughout history, Ramos says, hunger has claimed more lives than armed conflict or disease. "Hunger is the No. 1 killer," she says. "But it only makes news in big famines, and people forget, in most cases, it is a silent killer."

In the face of frequent food shortages, Ramos tries to help in any way she can. "Trying is worth the smile of a child, the knowledge that someone has gone to bed not hungry, that God has been there all the way, even in the difficult times," she says.



Analia Ramos holds a healthy baby girl in Torit, capital of Eastern Equatoria State.

Clinic takes aim at infant AIDS

By Ryan Highland – Rotary International News – 15 July 2009

Rotarian Stephen Nicholas, a pioneering pediatric AIDS specialist who helped drastically reduce infant HIV in New York City, is using Rotary as a catalyst for wiping out mother-to-child HIV transmission in the Dominican Republic.

In the early 1990s, New York City had the highest birth rate of HIV-infected children in the United States. Since 2000, only one baby in that city has been born with the virus, says Nicholas, a member of the Rotary Club of Yonkers. Similar trends are appearing throughout the United States, he adds. This sharp drop in mother-to-child HIV transmission has largely resulted from improvements in drug treatments as well as aggressive intervention during pregnancy through testing and education. Nicholas and his colleagues pioneered this multipronged approach while he was the director of pediatrics at Harlem Hospital Center.

"For me, the moral equation changed when I realized that infant AIDS was disappearing in the United States," says Nicholas, founder and director of Columbia University's International Family AIDS Program. "With a world filled with HIV/AIDS, I felt for the first time obligated to get involved internationally."

In 1999, Nicholas began a family AIDS clinic in La Romana, Dominican Republic, a province with one of the highest HIV/AIDS infection rates outside sub-Saharan Africa. Run by the International Family AIDS Program, the clinic provides direct care and treatment for pregnant women with HIV.

To expand the International Family AIDS Program and keep it sustainable, the Yonkers club, along with the Rotary Club of La Romana and District 7230 (New York), launched the Mother-Baby AIDS Project in the Dominican Republic in 2006.

With help from a US\$50,000 World Community Service Project Grant, the project is benefiting more than 100 HIV-infected mothers and their newborn babies each year. Infected mothers continue to receive AIDS treatment after the births to protect children from being orphaned. The clinic has lowered the rate of mother-to-child HIV transmission in the La Romana province from 40 percent to less than 1 percent, Nicholas says.



Rotarian Stephen Nicholas (middle) with a woman and her four-year-old daughter who received treatment.

Joint Districts 9500 & 9520 "The Rotary Foundation Seminar"

Date & Time: Sunday, 30th August 2009; **start** 8:30 for 9:00am, **finish** at 12:30pm

Location: Salisbury High School, Farley Grove, Salisbury North **UBD map 61 D-15**

RSVP by 26th August - to Peter Ochota; **phone** (08) 8331 7851 or **email** pmochota@adam.com.au

Upcoming OSSAA Fundraiser

OSSAA is holding a Fundraising Lunch at Glenelg Golf Club on Sunday, 13th September, 12.00 noon for 12.30 PM.

The Guest Speaker will be Dr David Sainsbury and the title of his talk will be "Changing Lives". David is the Head of Paediatric Anaesthesia at the Adelaide Women's and Children's Hospital and a team anaesthetist with OSSAA.

Two fundraisers from last year, a Calendar for 2010 produced again by Helen Sainsbury, Christmas Gift Cards valued @ \$25, \$50 and \$100 and a new item, Gift Tags 6 for \$5.00 produced by Lea Frick, will be available at the Lunch.

Seating will be in tables of 10 and restricted to 180 guests.

Please see Alex Jonson, Stephen Baker, John Russell or Bob Laws about securing tickets at \$40.00 each; ticket application forms must be lodged by Monday, 7th September accompanied by your cheque, (made payable to OSSAA Inc) or credit card slip so that tickets can be forwarded to you.

The Golf Club car parks can be accessed from either James Melrose Road or Bonython Avenue, Novar Gardens.

OSSAA look forward to seeing you at the Lunch and thank you for your continued support.

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: August 2009

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11.30am to 1.30pm
1	01/08/09	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth David Middleton
2	08/08/09	Stephen Baker, Greg McLeod & Kevin Rogers	Janet Plumb & David Middleton Stephen Westgarth
3	15/08/09	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws
4	22/08/09	John Peacham, Chandra Sluggett & Kevin Rogers	Martin Cooper & Sheila Evans
5	29/08/09	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed

Rotarians, who are unable to attend as rostered, please arrange a swap or contact:

Bob Laws: 8223 6403; (M) 0438 865 305; e-mail: unley.sergeant@rotaryclub.org.au

Ladies Auxiliary

The next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be held at 11:00am on Monday 24th August at the home of Joan Calder, Apt 35, 17 Tusmore Avenue, Leabrook (Ph: 8334 4035).

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
04/08/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Leonie Clyne: "Doing Business in a Challenging Environment"	Stephen Baker	Janet Plumb	David Middleton	Stephen Baker & Mark Zada
11/08/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Club Assembly	President Jerry	Joan Reed	David Middleton	Mark Zada & Martin Cooper
18/08/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Annie Hastwell: "Mud, Magic and Vino Tinto"	Joan Reed	John Russell	David Middleton	Martin Cooper & Norm Wallace
25/08/09	Wine Centre	6 for 6.30pm	Visit to the Wine Centre; Partners Event	Martin Cooper	Colin Schirmer	David Middleton	Norm Wallace & Reno Elms

Apologies To: Andy Hill by **e-mail** to unley.attendance@rotaryclub.org.au or in an emergency on 8271 5028

Meeting Chair Enquiries To: Stephen Baker on 8379 7105 or email to unley.vocational@rotaryclub.org.au

Venue Set-up/Plaque Board Enquiries To: David Middleton on 8332 6253 or by e-mail to unley.sergeant@rotaryclub.org.au

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Members rostered on Venue Set-up and Plaque Board should see Tiffins on the Park staff to gain access to the club's meeting paraphernalia. Please remember to gather up all items at the end of the meeting and return them to the storeroom.

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AMA Guidelines for the Stimulus Package

Apparently the Australian Medical Association has weighed in on the Government's economic stimulus package....

The Allergists voted to scratch it, but the Dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves.

The Gastroenterologists had sort of a gut feeling about it, but the Neurologists thought the Government had a nerve.

The Obstetricians felt they were all labouring under a misconception, while the Ophthalmologists considered the idea short-sighted.

Pathologists yelled, "Over my dead body!" while the Paediatricians said, 'Oh, grow up!'

The Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness, while the Radiologists could see right through it.

Surgeons decided the whole thing should be cut out.

The Physicians thought it was a bitter pill to swallow, and the Plastic Surgeons said, "This puts a whole new face on the matter."

The Podiatrists thought it was a step forward, but the Urologists were peeved off at the thrust of the proposal.

The Anaesthetists thought the whole idea was a gas, and the Cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no.

In the end, the Proctologists won out, leaving the entire decision up to the ***** in Canberra.

At last, a wine glass that makes sense!



New World Survey

Last month a world-wide telephone survey was conducted by the UN. The only question asked was: "Would you please give your honest opinion about solutions to the food shortage in the rest of the world?" The survey was a huge failure because of the following:

In Eastern Europe they didn't know what "honest" meant.

In Western Europe they didn't know what "shortage" meant.

In Africa they didn't know what "food" meant.

In China they didn't know what "opinion" meant.

In the Middle East they didn't know what "solution" meant.

In South America they didn't know what "please" meant.

In the US they didn't know what "the rest of the world" meant.

And finally.....

In Australia they hung up because they couldn't understand the Indian accent.

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

**THE FUTURE OF ROTARY
IS IN YOUR HANDS**